

Our Campers' World Special Focus

Understanding Campers: A Dialogue on Religion "A Different Kind of Conversation, Room: Jade

Presenter: Jenan Mohajir, Naomi Greenspan

The current discourse on religion often focuses on the divisive issues of politics and theology. Learn how to host a different kind of conversation based on shared values and a commitment to serving the common goal. (See IFYC information on page 8)

Day Camp Series

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Presenter: Ilise Schwartzwald, Kenley Perry, Room: Broadway A

How does the day camp impart the mission and rules of the camp on staff's off hours? What viable and realistic steps can be taken to guide staff behavior out side of camp?

Ilise Schwartzwald is with Discovery Day Camp, Inc. and Kenley Perry is with JCYS Henry Horner Day Camp.

Magic Box of Morale (Admin)

Presenter: Tori Barrett, Room: Gauquin

A Top 10 of motivational methods to prevent and respond to the dreaded and destructive experience of staff burn-out. "Temporal Penpals" Time Capsules, Morale Mapping, Camp Cash and more easy-to-implement ideas. Bring your good ideas to share, too! Tori Barrett directs Girl Scout Favorite on Cape Cod and is half of Falling Water Experiential Education. Tori has been in camping for 15 seasons.

"Fishy Science" and Ripple Rock Pond (Facilities/Program)

Presenter: Carol Bellina, Julie Herron, Room: Marsalis 2

By providing group planning camps, can improve camp aesthetics while creating through cooperative learning and physical team work a healthy environment for a fish pond encouraging learning about the care of fish and ponds.

Carol Bellina has been the Program Director for 4H Camp Whitewood for 3+ years and has a background as a Naturalist with the state of Ohio and county parks. Julie Herron is an Extension Educator in 4-H Youth Development for the Ohio State University since 2000 and a Camp Director.

Powerful & Practical Training Tools for Outstanding Staff

Presenter: Michael Brandwein, Room: Salon 2 (Staff Training)

From the brand new Volume Two of *Training Terrific Staff!*, Michael provides creative, attention-grabbing activities you can use right away to give your staff the professional tools they need to produce an outstanding experience for campers.

Michael Brandwein is one of the top trainers of the persons in the field or education, camp and recreation. He has made presentations in all 50 states and on six of the seven continents.

Barns, Bridles, & Bits: Effectively Supervising a Riding Program

Presenter: Bob Braun and Nichole Peatross, Room: Turquoise B

Properly supervising your popular, yet high risk horseback riding program is critical. If you don't know a farrier from a filly, come and explore tips from one director/horseback riding novice to effectively supervise & support your riding staff.

Bob Braun, MSE currently directs Camp WeHaKee for Girls (Winter, WI) with his spouse, Maggie. He has been involved in camping professionally for over 10 years and is actively involved with ACA as a board member in the WI Section and a lead Standards Visitor. He currently serves as MSCC chair.

Nichole Peatross is a recent graduate of William Woods Univ. with a bachelors degree in Equestrian Science and is a CHA certified riding instructor. Nichole currently works for a Hunter/Jumper show barn in Florida and will be spending her fifth summer at Camp WeHaKee as the horseback riding director.

Are You Ready for Summer? – Part 1 (Program)

Presenter: Gregg Catalano, Room: Preservation A

Are you ready for the summer? Find out not only the answer to this question; but, be provided with a blueprint to running successful games and activities at camp and during staff training. This high energy workshop introduces a wide variety of unique hands-on games & activities geared to help you make this years campers camp experience the best one EVER!!! This session will start in Session 3 and continue during Session 4.

Gregg A. Catalano, recognized as one of the nation's top educational, recreational, and motivational speakers, is a unique presenter whose workshops are always "high energy," entertaining, and informative. As the "Physician of Phun," he is truly what the doctor ordered and a presenter you won't forget!

The Waterfront and You (Aquatics)

Presenter: Jason Davis, Room: Augusta 2

Join us for a discussion on waterfront trends, problems, and successes. In this workshop, we will share ideas and help find solutions. We all have the same goal of a healthy and happy summer on our waterfront. Let's work together toward our goal. Jason Davis is the Waterfront Director with Camp Eagle Ridge, WI

Boys to Men: Working More Effectively with Boys (Concepts)

Presenter: Bob Ditter, Room: New Orleans Ballroom

The most important things to boys are freedom and competence. Find out the best ways to help boys learn, talk and grow into responsible young men. Guaranteed you will learn some things about boys that are new and effective.

Bob Ditter is a therapist and is well known in the camping world throughout the United States. A major presenter at national and regional conferences, and author of "In the Trenches".

Go Green! Leave No Trace Awareness (Program)

Presenter: Erin Dunlavy, Suzanne Moore, Room: Picasso

The Leave No Trace Principles of outdoor ethics are easy ways for everyone to reduce their impact on nature when they camp, bike, hike, etc. Allow the seven principles to guide you in minimizing impact at your camp.

Erin Dunlavy is the current director at Camp Winnecomac and Director of Program and Property for the Girl Scouts of Fox River Valley. Suzanne Moore is the resident Camp Director at Camp Birch Trails for the Girl Scouts of Fox River Area.

Pop Bottle Rockets (Program)

Presenter: Dennis Elliot, Exhibit Hall

Join us and learn how to teach the Scientific Method and the basics of Rocket Science in a fun and engaging way. By using 2-Liter soda bottles, compressed air and common crafts type materials; campers can build "Pop Bottle Rockets" that are reliable and amazingly effective.

Dennis Elliot is the Section Executive of the Ohio Section of the ACA, Dutch Oven Master and now a Rocket Scientist

Beyond the Flag (Program)

Presenter: John Fark, Room: Salon 3

Acquire expanded knowledge of Flag etiquette and traditions, and develop a deeper patriotic respect, understanding and appreciation for the US Flag. Skill practice and discussion will enable you to help your campers plan and conduct active, respectful, and interesting flag ceremonies.

John Fark has over 30 years as an educator and facilitator with youth, adults and corporate groups.

Re-Connecting Children and Nature (Program)

Presenter: Barry Garst, Room: Sapphire

A national movement to reconnect children and nature is

emerging, and camps are an important solution. Learn about ACA's children and nature research, educational initiatives, and how you can get involved.

Barry A. Garst, Ph.D., is the Director of Research Application on ACA's national staff. Before joining ACA, Barry was an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in 4-H youth development at Virginia Tech.

Training Staff to Work With Persons With Special Needs

Presenter: Dan King, Room: Salon 5

Participants will get the feeling of what it is like to be a person with special needs and how to work with that person.

Dan King has been the Exec. Dir. of Albrecht Acres since 2000.

The Programming Challenge: Training All Staff To Find Creativity

Presenter: Jamie Lake, Room: Ruby (Staff Training)

End camp program boredom by training your staff to be creative. This session will provide ideas on fun and interactive staff training activities to help staff design new programs that are age appropriate and relate to camper's interests.

Jamie Lake, is the Assistant Director at Camp Chi where she oversees camp for 4th-7th graders. She has over 15 years experience in both independent and agency overnight camps.

Increase the Learning and Growing in Your Camp World

Presenter: Niki Nestor McNeely, Room: Turquoise A

Have teaching responsibilities? Want to develop new skills, improve older skills, and utilize quality teaching methods? Enhance your teaching by applying experiential learning to a range of camp topics focusing on learning & practicing strategies. Niki Nestor McNeely is the 4-H camping specialist for Ohio. She trains camp counselors and 4-H educators throughout the state.

Around the World (Program)

Presenter: Amy Nichol, Kari Perry, Room: Chagall

Learn how to have your camp travel the world in 5 days or all summer long. Incorporating International traditions into your camp with games, arts and crafts, special events!

Amy Nichol and Kari Perry work for a YMCA program that offers outrageous and exciting traditional, sports and specialty camps.

Camp Songs (Program)

Presenter: Francene Rasmussen, Room: Salon 4

Come and sing with PJ, enjoy some old favorites, try out some new favorites, and lets get moving! Lots of songs with motions designed to get your campers interacting together! Francene Rasmussen is known as the singing nurse! She has camped with the Girl Scouts for 40 years and has led sing alongs for as many as 1000 people (at one time)!

50 Free Ways to Promote Your Camp - part 2 (Admin)

Presenter: Jodi Rudick, Room: Coral

Part II is different than Part I and is loaded with new material.

Attendees may go to one or both of the sessions. Based upon her best selling books, Jodi shares the most fundamental (yet often overlooked) tools and tactics to promote your camp and program in today's increasingly competitive environment. This workshop is a perfect introduction to develop a marketing mindset, gain valuable perspectives and create a strategic approach to planning and pricing.

Jodi Rudick is one of the nations leading marketing speakers and, for the past 10 years has dedicated her career to elevating the public's perception of camps. We were honored to have Jodi as the MSCC Keynote Speaker in 2007.

Creating Cultures of Learning: How Learning Theories and Techniques Apply to Camp (Concepts)

Presenter: Dr. Paul Schlag, Room: Augusta 1

Learn about current learning theories and techniques in a fun, hands on manner. Then, discuss how these theories and technique apply to and can be applied at camp with regards to management/staff interactions and staff/camper relations.

Dr. Paul Schlag, is a professor in the Recreation Parks and Tourism Admin Department at Western Illinois University.

Define Strokes and Practice Skills for Lifeguard Training

Presenter: Sara Shaw, Room: Atrium Pool (Aquatics)

During this session participants will have a chance to practice their swimming stroke techniques with the direction of a qualified Life Guard Instructor. Focus will be on rhythmic breathing, the free style stroke, and the breast stroke.

Sara Shaw has been in camping for over 15 years and is the Executive Director of Camp Alexander. Shaw has her LGI certification and is formerly a competitive swimmer.

Dealing with Drama Queens and Divas (Behavior)

Presenter: Elizabeth Snell, Erin Policinski, Room: Marsalis 1

Conflict is a part of life, but when you have to work with another individual day after day for long hours, it can explode into something bigger than what it is. In this session we will address ways to work with others who have strong opinions, and how to deal with conflict. We'll address some of the choices we make and how it affects others in the heightened emotions at camp. Elizabeth Snell and Erin Policinski have worked in the camping industry for over 12 years. They have a range of experiences with various camps throughout the US.

Discover Your Outdoor Environment (Program)

Presenter: Dr. Sandra Hupp, Room: Utrillo

Come learn activities that revolve around nature and the outdoor environment that you can share with your campers to engage them with our natural world.

Dr. Sandra Hupp, is with the School of Kinesiology & Recreation at Illinois States University, an ACA Standards Instructor and Visitor and frequent presenter.

Staff Training Re-Invented (Staff Training)

Presenter: Anna Weigand, Room: Broadway C

Do you find yourself saying and doing the same old things every year? This session will bring life back to your staff training. Several innovative ways to present training information and approach tricky topics will be demonstrated. Handouts provided. Anna Weigand is the Facility/Program Coordinator for the City Bloomington Parks & Recreation. She is also actively involved in ACA as a standards visitor and section Education Chair.

Do I Have a Future in Organized Camping? (Young Professional)

Presenter: Rita Yerkes, Room: Broadway B

How to identify my professional goals, find a job, advance in my career and have a life in organized camping. Interactive self development session; participants will share professional goals, life goals and assess their own future marketability. Participants are encouraged to bring sample portfolios and or resumes.

Rita Yerkes is the Dean of the School of Experiential Leadership, George Williams College of Aurora University in Williams Bay, WI. She has authored book chapters, numerous journal articles and presentations.

Flip Flop Platforms (Program)

Presenter: Jill Boyer, Room: Salon 6

Flip Flop platforms are great for on or off the ropes course and can be used to supplement any program. Come ready to play! Jill Boyer has been a Counselor, Adventure Education Program Director and is about to have her first summer as Director.